HOUSE RESOLUTION 201 By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend longtime Lascassas School Principal Larry Stewart on his retirement.

WHEREAS, this legislative body was deeply saddened to learn that one of our most distinguished educators, Mr. Larry Stewart, longtime principal of the Lascassas School, has decided to take a much deserved retirement on June 26, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Principal Stewart attended Itawamba Junior College, in Fulton, Mississippi, from 1960-62, on a basketball scholarship, where he starred as an All-State player during that time; and

WHEREAS, from 1962-64, he was a popular and highly regarded student at Middle

Tennessee State University, where he played basketball under the able mentorship of Coach

Bill Stokes, was twice named the team Most Valuable Player, and was selected to the All-Ohio

Valley Conference team; and

WHEREAS, Larry graduated from that outstanding institution with a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education; his post baccalaureate education has included earning his Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision in 1967 and 45 additional hours of college credit; and

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WHEREAS, in the fall of 1964, he fulfilled a longstanding ambition when he became a teacher and the boys' and girls' basketball coach at the Lascassas School; and

WHEREAS, since 1966 Larry Stewart has served admirably as the highly respected principal of the Lascassas School, expertly steering the school, its administration, and students through a crucial period of growth and change. During this period, he also taught Algebra I and Algebra II while remaining as the basketball coach for all four of the school's teams during his first year as principal; and

WHEREAS, the important changes for the school during his astute tenure include the moving of the high school's classes to Oakland in 1972 and moving the school from its original building, opened in 1928, across the street to a new facility in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Larry has been married for 38 years to Bobbie Jo "Big Mamma," and they have raised two successful children, Jay and Jan. They are the proud grandparents of three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, his spare time will continue to include fishing, morning breakfasts at several of his favorite places in Murfreesboro and Lascassas, being a valued member of the Early Coffee Bunch at Brown's Store and making monthly visits to "The Boat" in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary educator and coach is richly deserving of the special accolades of this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor
and commend Larry Stewart on his excellent service as principal, teacher, coach, mentor and
role model and wish him a very happy retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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